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B. G. HATCH & BRO., 143 E. MAIN STREET.

MORNING REVIEW

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1899.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Mabel McLean is visiting friends at Maroa.

Dr. Ira A. Barnes left last night for Chicago.

H. H. Crea of Monticello, was in Decatur yesterday.

J. D. Calhoun of Pekin, is the guest of his brother, W. F. Calhoun.

P. L. Van Cleave of Blue Mound was a visitor yesterday to Decatur.

Dr. A. J. Wallace and Captain J. A. Barnes went to Chicago Sunday night.

L. T. Walton, the clerk at the St. Nicholas, went to St. Louis yesterday to stay two days.

Bain Walston went back to Chicago yesterday, where he is attending Rush Medical college.

Miss Annie Taylor of Clinton is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Carter on Prairie avenue.

Charles H. Burdick and wife, of Norwich, N. Y., are guests of Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Goodwin.

Mrs. Greeley Dunstan left last night for Philadelphia to visit friends a few weeks before joining her husband in California.

Isaac Pankake of Bloomington, was in the city yesterday, the guest of his cousin, County Treasurer Geo. L. Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Moorehead are entertaining Mr. Moorehead's parents, A. F. Moorehead and wife, and their children, Misses Calie and Jennie, all from Tuscola.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS.

The Calumet club will have a dancing party at their rooms on New Years' night.

A surprise party will be given Miss Mary Lukens to-night at her home, at the corner of College and Eldorado streets.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Pratt will give a whisky party this evening at their residence on Prairie avenue.

Mrs. E. R. Piper will have a reception on Friday afternoon at the residence of her father, Dr. W. J. Chenevett.

The hours will be from 2 to 4, and from 4 to 6.

Invitations to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Braden, are out. It will be at their home, four miles north of the city, on Thursday, Jan. 28, from 10 in the morning, till 4 in the afternoon.

The second reception in the series given by the Y. M. C. A. at the rooms, will be given Thursday night under the auspices of the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

These receptions are growing popular. Everybody is invited. A fine program is being prepared.

Miss Grace Shellbarger charmingly entertained about 10 couple of her friends last night in honor of Miss Stauden's Knobs, who will leave tomorrow for her new home in the west.

The evening was passed most pleasantly, with dancing, music, and conversation. Refreshments were served.

The Prairie avenue whisky club met regularly last night with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Kinsman, at their home on Prairie avenue.

Mrs. W. R. Abbott carried off the prize for ladies and Dick Roberts took the one provided for gentlemen. There were present a few guests of the club, for whom separate prizes were provided.

William B. Chambers was awarded the gentlemen's prize and Mrs. S. D. May that one for the ladies.

A RECEPTION.

An enjoyable reception was given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. J. E. Smith and daughters, Mrs. Thomas C. Hardy and Miss Mame Smith, at the family residence, 324 North Edward street, in honor of Miss White, of Taylorville, and Miss Rose Hayhill, of Jacksonville, who are guests of Miss Mame Smith. The hours were from 3 to 6 for ladies and from 6 to 8 for gentlemen.

About 100 persons called in that time. They were met at the door by Harry Ehrhart, of Chicago, and Master Chester Smith. After being received by Mrs. Smith and daughters and a few minutes' conversation with the young ladies, tea, wafers, cake and ices were served under the charming direction of Misses Pat Buckingham, Mame Freeman, Adella Boyd and Margaret Williams.

The young ladies in whose honor the reception was given will leave tomorrow for their homes.

Christmas Service.

The Christmas service at the Universalist church was given last Sunday night, and it was one of the most delightful of the year.

The whole service was a connected one, through which ran the story of the birth and life of Christ. The selections by the choir and recitations by others were simply parts of the story. The work of the choir, composed of D. L. Bunn, Miss Cora Elwood, Mrs. Amanda Bunn, Miss Jessie Harry and Frank Bunn, with Miss Edna Bunn at the organ, was especially fine, and showed clearly the well directed expenditure of a great deal of time in preparation.

Recitations in the service were given by Mrs. Helen Post, Misses Nora Kepler, Lena Heule, Maude McDonald, Flora Bradley, Lena Moore, Jessie Spencer, and "Tricksy" McDonald. Mrs. Gibb closed the evening with a recitation and a talk of about five minutes on the life of Him whose birthday was being celebrated.

The church was entirely filled. It had been prettily decorated for the occasion.

Whose Baby Is It?

An inexpensive way of rearing a baby was adopted by some person Saturday night at the residence of Fred Swigert, north of the city, on the Breneman farm.

The child, a girl of about three weeks of age, was left on the front porch, at what time is not known, but about nine o'clock the cries of the little one were heard in the house, and an investigation resulted in finding it well wrapped up in clothing of a kind that does not suggest poverty on the part of the parent.

Mr. Swigert turned the child over to the Overseer of the Poor Holman, and it is now under the protecting wing of Steward Magee. Anybody wishing to adopt a healthy, good looking baby will miss the golden opportunity of his life by not calling on Overseer Holman.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

A chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was organized Sunday night by Rev. M. M. Goodwin, rector of St. John's church.

The brotherhood is intended to aid in extending the influence of the church among the young men, and in bringing them into the church. It has now about 200 chapters all over the United States. The brotherhood has social features that will be cultivated.

The institution of the chapter was incorporated in the evening service, when the Christmas services of the Sunday night a week ago were repeated by request.

Watch Services.

Faithful lodge I. O. G. T. will hold a watch service at their hall on North Water street, New Year's eve, Dec. 31. They have prepared an interesting program, consisting of music, vocal and instrumental, with recitations and reading. The program will commence at 8 o'clock, after which Rev. J. A. F. King, of the U. B. church, will deliver the address of the evening. The lodge room will be open to callers New Year's day, from 2 to 7 p. m. All are cordially invited.

The Church of God will hold a watch meeting in their bathel, corner North Water and Cerro Gordo streets, on New Year's, (Tuesday) eve. The meeting will commence at 7 p. m. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

The Marksmen.

The sports had another shooting match yesterday at Powers' pasture. Out of a possible 30 clay pigeons the following score was made: Frank Powers, 24; Archie Wilson, 20; John Wood, 18; F. B. Mueller, 14; Willis Johnson, 8; Ed Shultz, 3. Will Dall shot at five birds, missed them and gave up.

A number of our marksmen will go to Lovington, Thursday to one of the biggest matches that has been gotten up in this part of the country for some time. Crack shoots from all this part state are expected.

FLORIDA ORANGES

FIGS, DATES

And Nuts of All Kinds

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WOOD'S

MERCHANT STREET.

IS IT MURDER?

DISAPPEARANCE OF M. G. PATTERSON A MYSTERY.

No Cause Known. Why He Should Voluntarily Absent Himself - His Integrity Still Unquestioned.

Great excitement prevailed in this city Sunday afternoon and yesterday, over the unaccountable disappearance of M. G. Patterson, the well-known and generally respected architect residing at 429 North Water street.

He was last seen on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at Bloomington, and stated then to his foreman, Louis Lyon, that he would probably go to Peoria to look after some brick he had purchased, or was contemplating purchasing. No trace of him has been discovered since, and it is pretty generally believed that he has been murdered.

The Bloomington Pantograph has the following to say in the matter:

"His last arrival at the hotel was Monday last. On Tuesday he gave his foreman money to pay his employees. Mr. Patterson paid his bill at the Windsor, and it is said, was seen there after supper. It is stated that he had \$500 on his person, and he leaves \$1,500 in the First National bank. This sum was attached Saturday by Lyon, Armstrong & Co., of Decatur, who brought suit for \$6,000, and the Itinkin Brick company, who want \$3,000. There would be due him when the building is done about \$10,000. It is argued that he would make a profit on the structure, and that there is money due him from the state at Lincoln, for repairs on buildings at the feeble-minded institute. It is also said that he has just completed a church at Littlefield on which he made a clearing."

Mrs. Patterson was called on at her home on North Water street, and she is in as much ignorance of his whereabouts as the veriest stranger. He left home on Monday the 23rd for Bloomington and did not even take a change of clothing with him. He has not been feeling well of late and may have become suddenly non compos mentis but his wife inclines to the belief that he has been murdered for his money. This belief, it may be added incidentally, is shared by a great many people in this city, who have long been acquainted with the man, and who scout any idea of crooked work on his part. Mrs. Patterson is in a pitiful nervous condition over the strange absence of her husband and her mental anguish may be better imagined than talked about. His integrity has never been questioned, and he was a man of temperate, methodical habits with form for him the confidence of his business and social associates. He was also a member of Beamanor's Command No. 9, Knights Templar, and his brother Templars are greatly agitated over his mysterious disappearance. Yesterday Peckedover, Burrows & Co., swore out a attachment of \$1,000 on his property on North Water street, known as "M. G. St. John's place," which, with the attachment mentioned above, makes a total of \$10,019 in claims against him. The parties themselves who had these attachments issued, say that they did so only as a measure of safety and to avoid complications in case murder has occurred, and state also that after all of his debts are paid there will still be a balance of \$2,000 to his credit in the Normal court, alone. His just completed contracts in other places made him not only a man of business, but here is not greatly, it is believed at all, his family relations were pleasant, his friends many, and his affairs evidently prospering, so there is a complete lack of reason why he should abscond, as has been suggested by people who are always willing to suggest something disparaging of a man when the opportunity presents itself.

Lyon, Armstrong & Co. will complete the Soldiers' Orphans' Home and sent some workmen there yesterday for that purpose. They are on Mr. Patterson's bond for the construction of the building, and of course in his absence will make good his contract. Those most interested and those who have known him long and well, are unanimous in saying that his financial affairs will be found to be all right in the final settlement, and that he has either been murdered or has been afflicted with insanity, and has wandered off into strange places. A search as complete as possible will be made by his friends, and it is hoped that some light may shortly be thrown on the mystery. If it is his wife, and relieve in some degree the anxiety of his friends. Even the worst is better for them than the terrible uncertainty of his fate.

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FOR PLAY GOERS.

A STERLING DRAMA.

"The Silver King" is quite well known in Decatur. It will be the New Year's day attraction, when two performances will be given—matinee and night. Special pieces have been made for the matinee. The Washington Post says of the play:

"That sterling drama, 'The Silver King,' which is still riding the wave of popularity, was presented last night at the National in a manner fully equal to its original production with a company noted for ability and general evenness. The touching tale of the play was followed with intense interest by an audience that filled the house and proved by their loudest attention and liberal applause the extent to which they were moved and the gratification they felt. The efforts of each individual player were fully recognized, while those in the leading parts came in for an endorsement that at times amounted to an ovation. Tonina and Lily Adams, the little tots who essayed the infantile roles, won big success and gave a natural and thoroughly satisfactory rendition of the characters essayed by them. The mountings were commendable throughout."

"THE MOUNTAIN KING."

Frederick Ward's acting and the work of his company in this strong play, will have every requisite to make it one of the better performance than ever before, because special scenery the most elaborate has been prepared for it. To any one acquainted with the play it is unnecessary to state what an addition to its general effectiveness this is. With a scene laid in the olden time and situations unequalled for vividness and color, it can readily be seen that the addition of special prepared scenery for every detail must double the interest in the performance. It will be given Friday night.

SHAMUS' GIBBER.

will be given by Charles Erin Verner Saturday night. A Boston paper says: "It has every requisite to make it one of the leading and most popular of the strictly Irish plays. It certainly received the endorsement of the very large audience which witnessed its first presentation in this city last evening."

Sunday School Officers.

The following are the Sunday school officers elected last Sunday:

FIRST M. R. CURRIER.

Superintendent, George W. Bright; Assistant superintendent, W. R. Shull and George T. Tucker; secretary, Bert Gher; treasurer, Allen Litschberger; chorister, Milton Johnson; assistant chorister, Miss Sallie McCall; organist, Miss Dr. Pierce; assistant organist, Miss Maudie Abel; librarians, Herbert Nims and Will Best; principal department, Mrs. Milton Johnson; assistant, Miss Minnie Davis; organist, Miss Myra Carmany; president, missionary society, Mrs. N. E. Adams; vice president, Miss Kate Aikin; treasurer, Milton Johnson.

STAFF'S CHAPLAIN.

J. G. Badenhausen, superintendent. Will Shellbarger, assistant superintendent; Bert Jones, secretary; Mrs. Conklin, chorister; William Bowers, assistant chorist; Miss Bert Grey, organist; Miss Mabel McGinniss, second assistant organist; D. C. Corley, first librarian; Frank Deaton and James Stafford, assistant librarians.

Didn't Do His Duty.

When McGinty descended to the bottom of the sea,

There was cause of much regret.

And the cause is with us yet.

That he didn't take those brick yards, On the streets, along with him.

The mythical jumble of the above may be a little off color, but the "gist" of it is all right just the same.

Don't Know Their Fate.

The twelve applicants for certificates to teach school last Saturday, do not know what success they had, as the superintendent has been so crowded with business that he found it impossible to finish that part of work. Himself and an assistant worked late last night to get the "verdict" ready for the applicants, by this evening.

A Heavy Bond.

Joseph Holmes, collector of this town, yesterday completed the filing of his bonds, amounting to \$250,000.72. His bondsmen are: K. Harwood, K. H. Koby, B. McReynolds, M. Johnson, O. B. Gorin, Burrows, J. J. Peddecard and James Millikin.

A Hard Bust.

Gottfried Materna a miner in the old coal shaft was seized with dizziness Saturday night while at work, and falling, struck his hand on the upturned edge of his pick inflicting a severe, but not dangerous wound. Dr. C. P. Kennedy attended the injured miner.

Won't Do It Again.

The Clothier family poisoned Friday night by eating breakfast found in the road, have had a hard tussle with death, but under Dr. King's efficient administration are now recovering rapidly as could be expected under the circumstances.

The Furniture Factory.

During this week's "shut down" the managers of the furniture factory will make some improvements, and do some needed repairing and next week will start up again with a full head of steam on, and more business than ever.

Low Rates To-Day.

The Washells and D. & W. railroads are selling tickets today at one and one-third fares for the round trip, good until the third. The L. & N. will sell tickets at that rate to Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio.

La Grippe.

County Treasurer George R. Steele, R. L. Dickinson, D. B. Gallagher, Joe Hewes and Will Fredericks are the latest victims of the fashionable ailment, la grippe.

A Social.

The young people's society of the Congregational church will have a social to-night at the home of J. H. Bevans, on West William street.

NOW FOR THE HOLIDAYS!



I am ready and have the goods to show you.

WATCHES.

I have the FINEST STOCK in the city. Can give you any price watch you want to buy.

CLOCKS.

I carry the finest make. The Imported English Day Only Clock and the Ausonia Silver and Bronze. Can sell you any clock you want. Also Jewelry, Opera Glasses, Knives, Pens, Tea and Table Spoons, Button Hooks, Glove Hooks, Match Boxes and Bon Bon Boxes, etc.

DIAMONDS. DIAMONDS.

I have the Largest and Most Complete Stock; call and see. All goods warranted as represented and no trouble to them to you.



E. J. HARPSTRIE, THE JEWELER

146 EAST PRAIRIE STREET, EAST OF POSTOFFICE.

CHILDREN AT DINNER

THE CHRISTMAS CLUB'S ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

The most satisfactory yet given—one hundred and ten at the tables. The drill and Play—A Presentation.

The third annual dinner given yesterday to the poor children of the city by the Christmas club was the most satisfactory, on the whole, of any yet given. The number of children at the dinner was not quite so large as last year, but there were quite as many who deserved it, and the arrangements were so much more perfect that all were better served and better taken care of. In previous years some went in who were not poor enough to be entitled to the dinner. That was not permitted this year.

The children were not admitted until everything was in readiness. Then Mrs. C. A. Foster, president of the advisory board of the club, went to the head of the stairs and gave the signal, and the rush began. One hundred and ten children were waiting, and went up stairs with an eagerness that would have led one to believe that they were half starved. They were met by Joe Alexander, Dennis Barrackman and Berling Barrows, who admitted 50 at a time and marched them in line to the tables.

Then the assault on the dinner began. It was a determined and effective one, and the big piles of tables melted away like snow before a summer sun. Mesdames Gayten, D. H. Alexander, Charles M. Lytle, W. L. Dummot, J. J. Hamstead, Charles Fuller, O. B. Gorin, W. B. Chambers, Frank Dwidie, Misses Jennie Richmond, Eva Caldwell, Alpha Follen, and older members of the club, attended to the serving of the dinner, and they had their hands full.

There was an abundance of everything, and most of the children were filled as full as they could be. The amount some held was astonishing. One little girl was helped to nine pieces of turkey. One little girl had a good cry before beginning on her portion. She had never seen so much to eat and so many people before.

As soon as the dinner was over the whole crowd rushed in a laughing, yelling mob over to the opera house, where some members of Christmas club, who were also members of the Buttery club, gave a play, and the Zouaves, also members of the Christmas club, gave a drill.

The guests of the club were seated in the balcony, and the club and others who paid the 10 cents admission, sat down stairs.

When the curtain was raised the whole company of the Zouaves was seen arranged in a most picturesque and effective tableau on the stage. Then the drum corps gave a drill, which was followed by a drill of the full company. The work of the boys was up to their usual standard.

"The Peasant Queen" was the play, presented with considerable skill by the girls of the Buttery club, with this cast:

Madam Boncourt, Corinne Shellbarger; Adele, Josephine Lutz; Ploy Gasaway; Bethna, Blanche Burrows; Marguerite, Emma Cain; Madame Mignone, Edith Ray; Village Girls, Belle Vermigier, Alice Piper.

Lena Nelson was at the piano.

The children went back to the armory afterwards and received presents of candy and fruit.

The Delegates Home.

Mrs. H. C. Johns and Mrs. W. R. Bessie returned Sunday morning at 4 o'clock from Indianapolis, where they inspected the work of the charity organization there. They will report this afternoon to the joint committee of the union, the council and board of supervisors.

The ladies were amazed at the completeness and effectiveness of the organization and the thoroughness with which it does its work. The whole city joins in commending the charity union. There is no prouder name giving in the city, no beggars, no tramps, and no trouble about caring for the poor. The union was organized 11 years ago in much the same way the one here has been organized. That year with a population of 75,000, the township gave \$2,000 in charity. This year with a population of 125,000, it gave only \$3,000. The entire saving was effected by the union.

The work is systematized and carried to the greatest perfection. The ladies visited the work house, the friendly inn, the offices of the union, and came back pleased and full of hope for what may be accomplished in Decatur.

The Itchy Case.

The Rev. Mr. Isley, father of Fred Isley, the post office pilferer, was in the city yesterday from Macon looking up the charges of his son had of being admitted to bail and it is likely he will succeed in getting him out of jail to-day. The Chicago United States marshal did not arrive yesterday as was expected and it is thought probable that a Springfield officer will be over to take charge of the prisoner if the matter of bail is not settled. Young Isley's parents are entitled to, and are receiving the sympathies of the citizens in their misfortune.

Saloons Closed.

The saloons were closed Sunday, both at the front, back and side doors, a circumstance that is rather unusual in this city of highly moral religious government. It is suggested that the recent call upon the city council made by four ladies of the W. C. T. U. had something to do with the new state of things.

Police officers and "specks" stated to a Haverwood yesterday that vigilance had been used on Sunday, that a violation of the liquor law should be made by saloonkeepers, and they expressed their solemn belief that not a drop of liquor was sold in this city on that day.

STRAY SCRAPS.

The Decatur Trotting association held another star chamber meeting last night.

"Have you got LaGrappe?" said a lieutenant to another yesterday. "No, the LaGrappe has got me" was the terse but emphatic reply.

The electric light did its worst job last night, but that is not going so far in its praise that a fellow cannot get it to glow fully if the occasion requires it.

The city is still full of holiday visitors, and yesterday's cold snap gave coal men and furnishing merchants a hope that their branches of trade would be yet booming before spring.

Bloomington amateurs are talking of invading this city with their performance called, "A Scrap of Paper," and the question is, what has Decatur ever done against Bloomington?

There is a cold snap amounting almost to a frost in a Decatur family, because when the lady of the house told her husband the other day that Mrs. ——— was "going to Florida after New Year's for her lungs," he innocently asked, "Why, how did she happen to leave them away down there?"

TRACK AND TRAIN.

C. A. Holt, assistant superintendent of the L. & N., was in the city yesterday.

Engineer Matthews has resumed his run on the Illinois Central after a short layoff. George Bink, station agent for the L. & N. & W., at Atwood, was in the city yesterday.

M. Lipscomb, of the L. & N. & W., has returned from a visit with friends at La Prairie.

J. E. Wallace, Washas superintendent of bridges, was in the city yesterday with his little son.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the T. H. & L. will be held in this city, Jan. 15th. Two directors are to be elected.

Dan McNamara took a fare of none to Macon yesterday to put in a new switch for the Illinois Central at that place.

There are pretty loud rumors heard in railroad circles of radical changes in high places on the Illinois Central after New Year's.

F. G. Gason, engineer, and Will Bickman, fireman, both working for the Washas at East St. Louis, are in the city to see friends.

Generally after the holiday rush ticket agents get a breathing spell of this has not been the case in Decatur so far this year. The rush is still on.